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SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber as we begin, today, the forty-fifth day, halfway through the Ninety-Fifth Legislature's First Session. Very pleased to have with us as our Chaplain for the Day a member of the Baha'i faith here in Lincoln, Anders Ukinski.

ANDERS UKINSKI: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you very much. Members, please come to the Chamber and record your presence so we can begin the afternoon activities. Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: A quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Two items, Mr. President. A report of the registered lobbyists as required by statute to be inserted into the Legislative Journal. And I received two reports: One from the Department of Roads and the second from the Upper Niobrara Natural Resources District, both required by statute. Both will be on file in the Clerk's office. (See pages 1150-51 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: We will begin Final Reading. I would announce that LB 103, in my judgement, is a bill that typically has a fair amount of controversy, and I would hopefully do this with any bill that looks like it might have some controversy, and that is...we will not read it as the first bill of the afternoon. It will be reinserted in the agenda following LB 153. That way we'll have a few more members here to express their opinions in either an aye or a nay vote. Members, please